

By email only to: request-696386-db1205c7@whatdotheyknow.com

26 October 2020

Dear Matthew Clarkson,

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request for information: response

Date of request: 5 October 2020

Due date: 2 November 2020

Ref: RITM0331405

We refer to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act").

Below is your question with the University's corresponding response.

Question:

Dear University of Southampton,

I would like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, regarding your Graduate A101 Medicine Programme 2020/2021 academic year, for applications submitted October 2019:

- 1) Average UCAT score for all applicants
- 2) Average UCAT score for applicants offered places
- 3) Number of applications/place
- 4) For all applicants for the Graduate scheme, could you please provide a list of: all applicants, their UCAT score, SJT band, degree classification (predicted and/or achieved), including postgraduate qualifications predicted/achieved, whether or not they were interviewed, including those that were successful? Or, as much of this data that can be allowed for

Answer:

In accordance with [Section 1\(a\)](#) of the Act, we confirm that the University holds information of the description specified in your request.

1. Average UCAT score for all applicants

We do not record or take into account average UCAT score. Applicants are ranked and the top 192 invited to interview. The lowest score we went down to was 2780 for non-Southampton graduates and 2490 for Southampton graduates.

In response to question 1&2:

We do not look at average UCAT score. Offers are made based on interview performance.

In response to question 3:

We received 976 applications , 180 interviewed (192 interview places are set aside) for 48 places.

In response to question 4:

With regard to a list of applicants and a list of all the UCAT scores on their own, whilst we hold the requested information, we are unable to provide it, as it is exempt from disclosure by virtue of [Section 40\(2\)](#) of the Act. The information requested constitutes an individual's personal data as defined under [Section 3 of the Data Protection Act 2018](#). To release the information would breach the first data protection principle of the Data Protection Principles concerning fairness.

Section 40(2) of the Act confers an absolute exemption.

With regard to SJT band, we regret the University does not hold this data as we do not record the SJT band. We also do not record degree classification. We just require applicants to have achieved or be predicted a 2:1 or above to be considered for interview.

If you do not feel that we have dealt with your request in accordance with the requirements of [Part I](#) of the Act, you may request a review. Your request for a review should specify in what respect you consider that the requirements of [Part I](#) have not been met. Please address your request to the Chief Operating Officer at the following address: foi@soton.ac.uk.

In accordance with section 5.3 of the [Code of Practice](#), a request for a review must be sent within 40 working days of the date of this email. The University is not obliged to accept any requests for a review beyond 40 working days.

We will endeavour to respond to your request for a review within 20 working days of receipt.

The Information Commissioner is responsible for enforcing rights of access to information and the operation of the publication scheme. You may apply to the Information Commissioner in writing (FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF) or [electronically](#) for a decision whether, in any specified respect, your request for information has been dealt with by the University in accordance with the requirements of [Part I](#) of the Act. The Information Commissioner will not normally take action unless they are satisfied that the University's review procedure has been exhausted.

Yours sincerely,



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